

By 

H.J.R. No. 12

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing jury instructions  
2 on good time and eligibility for parole and mandatory supervision.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Article IV, Section 11, of the Texas Constitution  
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 11. (a) The Legislature shall by law establish a Board  
7 of Pardons and Paroles and shall require it to keep record of its  
8 actions and the reasons for its actions. The Legislature shall  
9 have authority to enact parole laws and laws that require or permit  
10 courts to inform juries about the effect of good conduct time and  
11 eligibility for parole or mandatory supervision on the length of a  
12 sentence served by a defendant convicted of a criminal offense.

13 (b) In all criminal cases, except treason and impeachment,  
14 the Governor shall have power, after conviction, on the written  
15 signed recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and  
16 Paroles, or a majority thereof, to grant reprieves and commutations  
17 of punishment and pardons; and under such rules as the Legislature  
18 may prescribe, and upon the written recommendation and advice of a  
19 majority of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, he shall have the  
20 power to remit fines and forfeitures. The Governor shall have the  
21 power to grant one reprieve in any capital case for a period not to  
22 exceed thirty (30) days; and he shall have power to revoke  
23 conditional pardons. With the advice and consent of the  
24 Legislature, he may grant reprieves, commutations of punishment and

1 pardons in cases of treason.

2 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
3 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 1989.  
4 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against  
5 the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
6 legislature to require or permit courts to inform juries about the  
7 effect of good conduct time and eligibility for parole or mandatory  
8 supervision on the length of a sentence served by a defendant  
9 convicted of a criminal offense."

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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- NOV 17 1988
1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.
- JAN 23 1989
2. Read first time and referred to Committee on  
Criminal Jurisprudence
3. Reported favorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at  
(as substituted)
4. Printed and distributed at
5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at
6. Read second time (amended) and (finally) passed to Third Reading by a Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting.
7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R. \_\_\_\_\_ was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting).
8. Read third time (amended) and finally adopted (failed of adoption) by a Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting.
9. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of resolution.
10. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R. \_\_\_\_\_ was finally adopted prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, and \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting).

11. Ordered Engrossed at
12. Engrossed.
13. Returned to Chief Clerk at
14. Sent to the Senate.  
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Chief Clerk of the House
15. Received from the House
16. Read, referred to Committee on
17. Reported favorably
18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.
19. Ordered not printed.
20. Regular order of business suspended by  
(a viva voce vote.)  
(\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.)
21. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.
22. Read second time \_\_\_\_\_ passed to third reading by:  
(a viva voce vote.)  
(\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas,  
\_\_\_\_\_ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Read third time and passed by  
(a viva voce vote.)  
( \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.)

OTHER ACTION:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Returned to the House.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Received from the Senate (with amendments.)  
(as substituted.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments) by a (Non-Record  
(Substitute) Vote) (Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present,  
not voting).

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Conference Committee Ordered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record  
Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, and \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting).

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. Ordered Enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_